

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
Shelburne, N. H.
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15
1916



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

BALANCE

Town of Shelburne.

Assets.

Cash:	
In hands of town treasurer. (Do not include cash in sinking funds.)	\$279 21
Accounts due Town:	
Taxes not collected: (a) Levy of 1915	731 83
Due from state:	
(a) Highway account	30 84
(b) Bounties	16 00
Total assets	\$1,057 88
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)	3,430 62
Grand total	\$4,488 50

SHEET.**February 15, 1916.****Liabilities.**

Unpaid balances set aside for special purposes:	
Due to schools: (a) Dog licenses	\$21 60
State and town joint highway account	66 90
Notes outstanding:	
Charles H. Evans.....	2,400 00
Mary P. Head.....	1,000 00
Annie E. Evans	1,000 00
Total liabilities.....	\$4,488 50
or excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	
Grand total.....	\$4,488 50

UNIFORM
RECEIPTS AND

Town of Shelburne.

Receipts.

CURRENT REVENUE.

From Local Taxes:

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| 1. Property and poll taxes, current year. | \$6,190 96 |
| 2. Property and poll taxes, previous years | 548 38 |

From State:

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| 5. Railroad tax..... | 686 29 |
| 6. Savings bank tax..... | 285 05 |
| 8. Literary fund..... | 35 10 |
| 10. For education..... | 100 00 |
| 11. For Highways: | |

- | | |
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| (b) For state aid construction..... | 354 73 |
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| 12. For fighting forest fires..... | 5 80 |
| 13. For bounties..... | 16 00 |

From local sources except taxes:

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| 16. Dog licenses..... | 21 60 |
| 19. Rent of town hall and other buildings. | 12 00 |
| 20. Income of departments: highways,
sewers, etc., fence posts sold | 4 00 |
| 23. Interest received on taxes..... | 26 21 |

Total current revenue receipts.....	\$8,286 12
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RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE.

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| 24. Temporary loans during year | \$1,500 00 |
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Total receipts other than current revenue

Total receipts from all sources.....	\$9,786 12
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Total receipts carried forward.....

\$9,786 12

CLASSIFICATION.

PAYMENTS.

For the Year Ending February 15, 1916.

Payments.

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES.

General Government:

1. Salaries and expenses of principal town officers	\$259 47
4. Care and supplies for town hall and other buildings	19 37
Protection of Persons and Property:	
6. Fire department.....	5 80
8. Bounties.....	16 00
Health and Sanitation:	
10. Health department	19 50
11. Vital statistics.....	2 25
Highways and Bridges:	
13. Highways, maintenance—town acct. .	1,455 41
14. Highways, "state aid maintenance"—state and town joint account.....	1,241 53
Education:	
18. Libraries (Payments to school districts should be reported under number 42.) ...	63 65
Public service enterprises owned and operated by town:	
25. Water supply system	\$3 00

Total current maintenance expenses	\$3,085 98
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INTEREST.

27. Paid on temporary loans	\$267 80
Total interest payments	\$267 80

INDEBTEDNESS.

37. Payments on principal of debt	\$2,650 00
Total indebtedness payments.....	\$2,650 00

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS.

39. Taxes paid to state	\$952 00
40. Taxes paid to county	724 39
42. Payments to school districts.....	2,203 10
Total.....	\$3,879 49

All Other Payments:

43. Printing town report	\$22 00
44. Abatements	26 90
45. Miscellaneous expenses	38 08

Total.....	\$86 98
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Total payments for all purposes.....	\$9,970 25
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Total payments carried forward	\$9,970 25
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Receipts and

Total receipts brought forward	\$9,786 12
Cash on hand at beginning of year	460 34
Grand total.....	<hr/> \$10,246 46 <hr/>

Payments---Continued.

Total payments brought forward.....	\$9,970 25
Cash on hand at end of year	\$276 21
Grand total.....	<u>\$10,246 46</u>

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. PHILBROOK,

FRANK N. EDWARDS,

C. C. HIBBARD,

Selectmen of Town of Shelburne.

Schedule of Town Property

DESCRIPTION.	VALUE.
1. Town hall, lands and buildings	\$1,000 00
Furniture and equipment	110 00
2. Libraries, lands and buildings:	
Furniture and equipment	40 00
3. Department Property:	
Highway department, equipment	205 00
Total valuation.....	<u>\$1,355 00</u>

Report of School Board

Revenue.

CURRENT.

Balance from last year	\$258 69
Entire amount of money required by law to be raised at school meeting, 1915.....	892 50
Entire additional amount voted at school meeting, 1915	207 50
Amount assessed to pay for necessary school books and supplies.....	200 00
Amount assessed for flag and appurtenances.....	10 00
Amount assessed for salaries and expenses of district officers.....	140 00
Amount of literary fund received from state, December, 1915.....	35 10
Amount received from state treasurer for district superintendent	100 00
Amount received from dog licenses, April, 1915.....	18 00
Total revenue for current expenses.....	\$1,861 79

EXTRAORDINARY.

Amount raised for repairs and remodeling, 1915.....	\$600 00
Total extraordinary revenue.....	\$600 00

Expenditures.

CURRENT.

Amount expended for text books.....	\$63 83
Amount expended for reference books and supplementary reading.....	44 27
Amount expended for scholars' supplies.....	14 01
Amount paid for teachers' salaries (regular).....	719 50
Amount paid for superintendent	200 00
Amount paid for school board services	40 00
Amount paid for truant officer, including enumeration of children	1 00
Amount paid for flag and appurtenances.....	3 50
Amount paid for transportation of pupils.....	281 25
Amount paid for minor repairs	6 40
Amount paid for janitor services	20 60
Amount paid for wood.....	32 37

Amount paid for cleaning school buildings.....	\$12 50
Total current expenditures.....	\$1,439 73
Balance on hand, February 15, 1916.....	\$422 06

EXTRAORDINARY.

Amount expended for alterations and remodeling school buildings	\$423 22
Amount paid for new equipment.....	108 13
Amount paid for replacing new equipment	14 41
Total extraordinary expenditures.....	\$545 76
Balance on hand for repairs.	54 24

Respectfully submitted.

MAUD G. RIX,
A. G. LARY,
EVA J. EDWARDS,

School Board of Shelburne.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee:

Ladies and Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith my second annual report on the schools.

During the year a most commendable campaign for better school buildings and equipment has been brought to a successful conclusion. I need not mention in detail what has been done to both schools in the way of remodeling and refurnishing. Suffice it to say that both buildings were put into good shape for all purposes of excellent schooling. I am sure a full measure of credit is due the community as a whole for the manner in which the project was put through. It seems to be the unanimous verdict that the money was well spent and that full value, for every dollar expended, was received. This movement has resulted already in a decided improvement in the education of the young people. That this will increase as time goes on, no one should doubt. I suggest that in the course of a year or two a small room be added to each building to serve the purpose of workshop for the boys and as a cook room where the girls may prepare and serve a hot dish or two for lunch. During the ensuing year I most emphatically urge one further improvement in the matter of heating: A metal jacket should be made for each of the stoves with a pipe for a fresh air supply and a vent in the chimney for getting rid of the foul air. This scheme for better heating and ventilation is described in detail in a circular of the state department of public instruction. The scheme is feasible and works admirably, something which cannot be said of most of the expensive systems in modern public buildings. This outfit was installed in one of the schools in the town of Randolph during the past year. The results were entirely satisfactory. I consider this school better heated and ventilated than any other in the supervisory district. The expense would be about \$15 per school.

Medical inspection shows that 60 per cent of school children suffer from physical defects which need correction. From what I can observe, I judge that it will be a matter of a few years only when this valuable feature of public school work will become a part of every system, city and rural. A good beginning in the work was made this year in the enforcement of the law relating to

vaccination. This should be extended to include the examination of all children for the various physical defects common to childhood, systematic instruction in hygiene, treatment suggested for defectives, periodic examination of water supplies for contamination, thorough inspection and overhauling of sanitaries, following up of absences due to infectious diseases. I believe such health supervision would do much to improve the health of the school body, attendance, scholarship and morals. In the event of Gorham's adoption of this measure this year, Shelburne could secure the inspection here suggested at a very slight cost.

The quality of the teaching in our two schools is high. The different subjects in the program are admirably taught. We studiously avoid fads. Mushroom "methods" and "systems" have no place with us. We endeavor to seek out the fundamentals of good teaching in all branches and to have these fundamentals in evidence in the schoolroom work. On the other hand, methods and practices, which have no justification but tradition, must give place to something better. The "deformalization" of education now going on in the schools of New Hampshire is good. It means instruction much more "worth while" than any we have ever had.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation of the loyalty of the teachers, the wise counsel and sympathetic treatment from the committee, the good-will of the public and the affection of the school children.

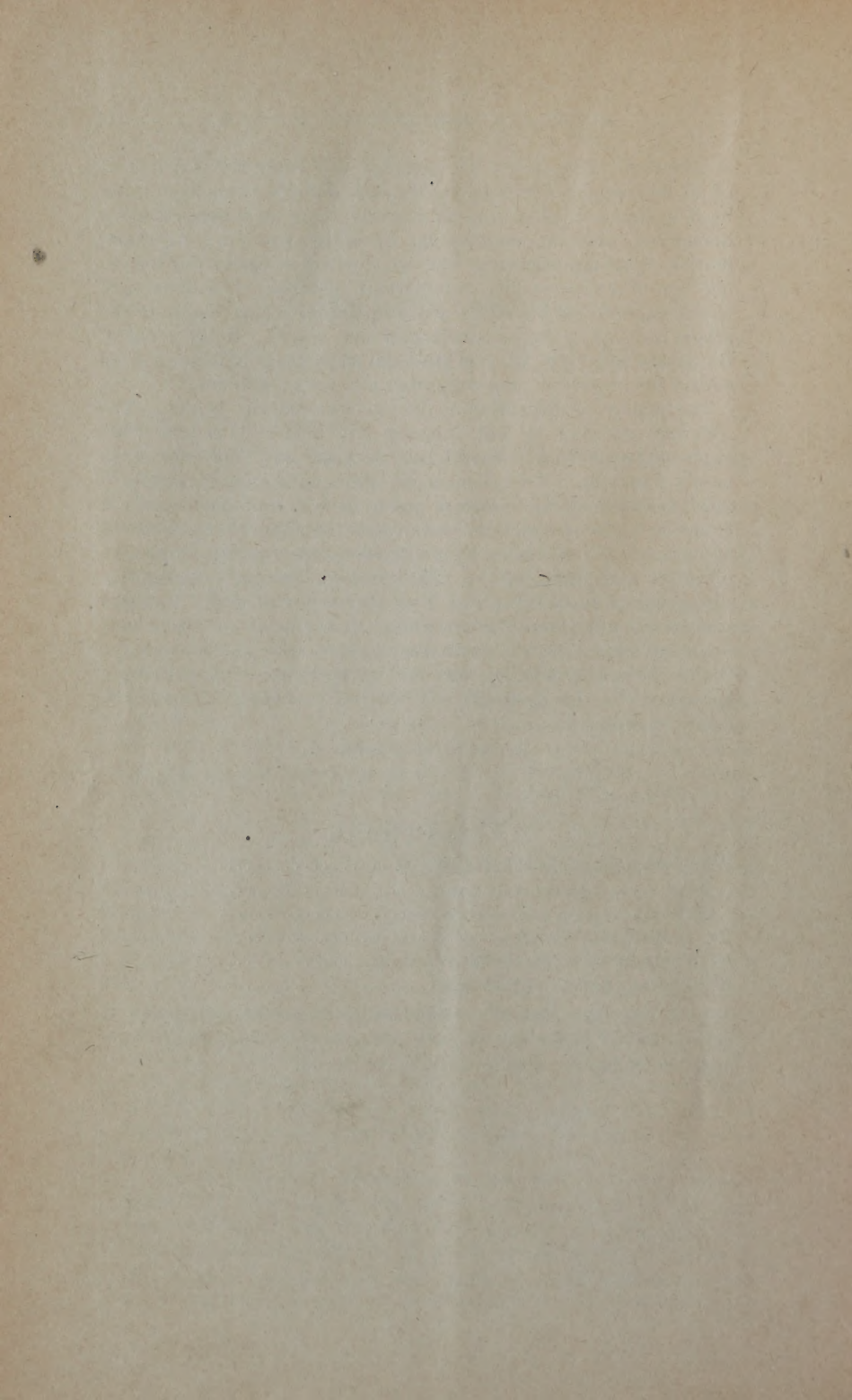
Respectfully submitted.

J. E. WIGNOT, Superintendent.

Vital Statistics.

Whole number of pupils registered.....	53
Boys.....	25
Girls.....	28
Per cent of attendance.....	93
Number of pupils not absent or tardy.....	5
Number of cases of tardiness.....	115

An average per cent of attendance of 93 and 5 pupils out of 53 not absent or tardy for the whole school year is record of which any school district anywhere might feel proud.



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